

**U.S. Embassy Juba, South Sudan
Security Message for U.S. Citizens
Increase in Crime**

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The U.S. Embassy wishes to inform U.S. citizens of an increase in criminal incidents throughout South Sudan. Hotels, international residential compounds, and occasionally host nation facilities have been targets of criminal acts throughout the country. In Juba and other large cities in South Sudan, there continue to be multiple instances of armed robberies at compounds. Although not common, some robberies have been violent in nature.

There is also an increase in the number of roadblocks primarily during the hours of darkness and a pattern of vehicles being stopped by groups or individuals who then demand payment from the occupants before allowing them to proceed. Events of this type against UN/NGOs as well as local citizens are becoming frequent both in Juba and other parts of the country.

Review your personal security plans, remain aware of your surroundings, including local events, and monitor local news stations for updates. Be vigilant and take appropriate steps to enhance your personal security.

For further information:

- See the [State Department's travel website](#) for the [Worldwide Caution](#), Travel Warnings, Travel Alerts, and [Country Specific Information for South Sudan](#).
- Enroll in the [Smart Traveler Enrollment Program \(STEP\)](#) to receive security messages and make it easier to locate you in an emergency.
- Contact the [U.S. Embassy in South Sudan](#), located at Kololo Rd next to the EU compound, at +211 912 105 188, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday, and 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Fridays. The Embassy is closed on South Sudan and U.S. federal holidays. The after-hours emergency number for U.S. citizens is +211 912 105 107 or +1 202 216 6279 ext 253.
- For current information on safety and security, call 1-888-407-4747 toll-free in the United States and Canada or 1-202-501-4444 from other countries from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, Monday through Friday (except U.S. federal holidays).

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